

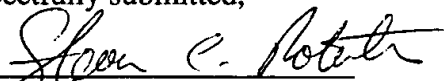
Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, claims 1, 3, 4, and claims 6-18 are patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow these claims and pass this case to issue.

Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

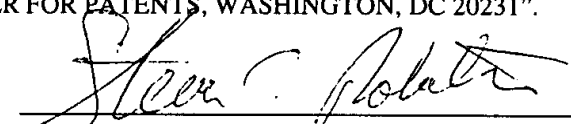
Therefore it is submitted that patentable subject matter is clearly present. If the Examiner agrees but does not feel that the present claims are technically adequate, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

Respectfully submitted,

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